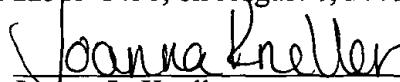


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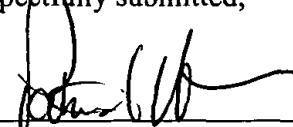
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REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF
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Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time, up to and including August 9, 2003 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003. Applicant has paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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